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**FOCUS TYPE LONGITUDINAL  
WAVE ULTRASONIC PROBE  
AND ULTRASONIC FLAW  
EVALUATING APPARATUS FOR  
POLYMER MATERIAL  
INSPECTION**

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